



## MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361

Denver House of Cards – May 7, 2012

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Tom Burger, Carol Levinson, Blair Young, Nancy Rainwater, Sherry Levitt, Jim Calhoun, Don Heitler, Shelbie Bastiaans, and Bob Eberhardt. Also present was legal rep Forrest Clark and District 17 Rep Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney. Also attending was Regional Committee reps Maxine Divine and Shirley Gates.

Minutes for the April meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Heitler presented the financial report for the IN Tournament., showing an estimated profit of \$568. Directors' fees of \$250 were paid to each of the directors. It should have been \$200 each, and \$100 to Alice Kinningham. Ruth will speak with Alice about this situation. The bill for the licensing of the trailer has been received and paid. Don will give the sticker to Jerry Ranney. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Jerry Ranney and Tom Burger completed the audit on records through December 31, and everything checked out as it should be. Jerry suggested e-mailing copies of the year end financials to everyone. The balance has dropped \$7,000. Tom has filed our tax returns. Financial reports will be put on the website in the future.

Tom has spoken with Jeffco Fairgrounds. We have prepaid approximately \$4,500. The rent for the July sectional has been paid, as well as the storage fees through December 31, 2012.

**Regional Presentation:** Maxine stated we have met the fulfillment needs of the hotel. As part of the obligation, of \$10,000, the hotel will provide antipasto for the 199's, and ice cream bar, and sandwiches for the Monday Swiss teams games. She will be meeting on Wednesday with the new personnel who will be handling the hotel arrangements. There will be handouts at most of the afternoon and evening sessions. Free rooms are assigned to Regional Co-Chairs, Ruth Pana, Jerry Ranney and Carolyn Newcomb, who will be doing the bulletin each evening.

Don Heitler needs volunteers to introduce the speakers. Bios of the speakers will be in the bulletin. Each speaker session will have a question and answer period. Gift cards will be presented to the speakers at the beginning of the tournament.

Jerry Ranney will deliver the tables and supplies on Sunday. We will set up on Tuesday between 2:30 and 3:30. Help will be needed on Monday for take down. The hotel has asked if they can rent our tables. Ruth will speak with the hotel about these arrangements.

**Education:** Jim Calhoun requested that Unit 361 pay for the first year of students who complete classes and want to play duplicate bridge. The fee for each student is \$5.

Further discussion will be necessary and will be on the agenda at the June meeting. Jim also requested the use of old boards for the students to use in their classes. A motion was passed allowing Jim to use two sets of old boards for educational purposes.

Jim also asked that his students be allowed to attend the Regional to watch players during the tournament. This was agreed, with the stipulation that an announcement be made about the students, and that they politely ask if it is okay for them to watch at a table, and that the students know they cannot discuss anything while play is in progress.

**I/N Tournament:** There were 65 tables at the tournament. Most of the players had 0 to 100 points. The food was enjoyed by all. The next I/N tournament is Oct 13 and 14. Dates for next year for the I/N so sanctions can be obtained. Sherry will get these dates.

**Partnerships:** Shelbie will be taking orders for badges at the partnership desk at the regional tournament.

**Membership:** Shelbie reported we have 30 new members, and a total membership of 1,200 in our unit. 50 orders for badges have been received to date.

**Website:** Ruth and Carolyn are working on our website. Kitty may do some training at the regional.

**New Business:** The contracts with Jefferson County are the same as last year.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012, at Denver House of Cards at 4:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Carol Levinson